

**321.16 Giving of notices.**

1. When the department is authorized or required to give notice under [this chapter](#) or any other law regulating the operation of vehicles, unless a different method of giving notice is expressly prescribed, notice shall be given either by personal delivery to the person to be so notified or by personal service in the manner of original notice by rule of civil procedure 1.305(1), or by first class mail addressed to the person at the address shown in the records of the department, notwithstanding [chapter 17A](#). The department shall adopt rules regarding the giving of notice by first class mail, the updating of addresses in department records, and the development of affidavits verifying the mailing of notices under [this chapter](#) and [chapter 321J](#). A person's refusal to accept or a claim of failure to receive a notice of revocation, suspension, or bar mailed by first class mail to the person's last known address shall not be a defense to a charge of driving while suspended, revoked, denied, or barred.

2. Proof of the giving of notice by personal service may be made by the certificate of any officer or employee of the department or affidavit of any person over eighteen years of age, naming the person to whom such notice was given and specifying the time, place, and manner of the giving thereof.

3. If a peace officer serves notice of immediate suspension or revocation of a driver's license as provided in [this chapter](#) or any other chapter, the peace officer may destroy the license or send the license to the department.

[C39, §**5000.16**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321.16]

[85 Acts, ch 121, §1](#); [2001 Acts, ch 32, §41](#); [2007 Acts, ch 143, §7](#)

Referred to in [§321.211A](#), [§321.556](#)